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*Al Capone Does My Shirts*  
Chapters 1-4

Directions: As you read *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, complete this reading guide. Do your best!

**BEFORE YOU READ: Vocabulary**

Match the word to the correct definition.

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| 1. ___ Convicts   | a. a person who has been found guilty of a crime and sent to prison       |
| 2. ___ Runt       | b. something that causes pain and suffering                               |
| 3. ___ Buoy       | c. to plan to want to do something  |
| 4. ___ Affliction | d. a person who has been found guilty of a crime and sent to prison       |
| 5. ___ Morgue     | e. to breathe in and breathe out (a sigh) in a slow or loud way           |
| 6. ___ Intend     | f. to begin after stopping  |
| 7. ___ Heave      | g. the smallest animal in a group   |
| 8. ___ Resume     | h. not usual or normal  |
| 9. ___ Peculiar   | i. a place where the bodies of dead people are kept until they are buried |

**WHILE YOU READ: Annotate!** Underline what you think is interesting, make stars if something stands out, circle words you don't know.

**AFTER YOU READ: Short Answer Questions**

Answer the questions in complete sentences. Use quotes to support your answers if needed.

1. Why did the Flanagan family move to Alcatraz?	How does Moose feel about the move?	How would you feel if you were in Moose's place?

2. Describe Moose's relationship with his father.

3. What are your first impressions about Theresa?

Of Piper?

4. Is Natalie “stupid” as Piper claims?

5. Describe Moose’s relationship with his mother.

6. Do you think Natalie knows her new school will also be her new home?

Why do you think she holds Moose’s hand so tightly?

7. Make a prediction. Do you think Moose will get used to life on Alcatraz?

